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Citizen Corps Initiatives



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New Commander of the MSP/EMHSD

Michigan State Police (MSP) Director Colonel Peter C. Munoz is pleased to announce the promotion of First Lieutenant W. Thomas Sands to captain and commander of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (EMHSD).

As commander of the EMHSD, Sands will serve as the Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, responsible for the statewide management and administration of emergency management

and homeland security programs, as well as the supervision of the division's 70 employees.

Prior to his promotion, Sands served as commander of the Brighton Post where he was responsible for traffic patrols, criminal investigations and emergency services in Livingston County.

Sands enlisted with the department in 1987, and graduated as a member of the 102nd Trooper Recruit School. He has served at the Brighton, Grand Haven and Jackson posts,

as well as commander of the Security, Private Investigator and Tax Enforcement Section, Field Operations Section, Criminal Investigation Section and Fire Marshal Division.

During his career, Sands has held ranks of trooper, detective trooper, detective sergeant, first lieutenant, detective first lieutenant and now captain.

Sands is a graduate of Central Michigan University where he received a Bachelor of Science in public

Citizen Corps Program Manager Promoted

MSP Director Colonel Peter C. Munoz is pleased to announce the promotion of F/Lt. Harold Love to captain and commander of the MSP Second District, covering Southeast Michigan. The Second District Headquarters is located in Northville.

As district commander, Love oversees the operation of seven posts covering the counties of

Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Prior to his promotion, Love served as a section commander and public information officer in the MSP Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

In this position, he was responsible for the management of the State Emergency Operations

Center, coordination of the Michigan Citizen Corps Program and dissemination of information to federal, state, and local government agencies as well as the public during emergencies.

Sgt Kevin Sweeney will be the acting Citizen Corps Program Manager for the state of Michigan.

Power Outage Emergencies

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) needs your help during power outage emergencies.

In the event your team is called to duty during a power outage, MDCH would like you to help spread the word about the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO).

The death of two Michigan citizens from CO poisoning during the recent severe weather is a somber reminder that CO is a serious threat during power outages. In this incident, the individuals ran their generator in the basement of their home while their power was out.

For additional information and available resources on CO, visit www.michigan.gov/carbonmonoxide.

Lapeer County CERT- Skywarn Class

By: David Hoffman, Lapeer County CERT

The newly formed Lapeer County CERT Team joined the Lapeer County Office of Emergency Management as co-sponsor of the county's Annual Skywarn Class.

With another record year (175+ attendees), the CERT Team decided to offer a new "twist" to the event by making NOAA all Hazard Radios available for purchase to interested attendees.

"Many of the participants were unaware of the many features, benefits and ease of use the All Hazard Radio offered," said CERT Team Member David Hoffman.

Radio sales were brisk - with all 20 radios being sold by the end of the event! "We still had a lot of

people asking for them as the event wrapped up - we could have easily sold another 20 more if we would have had them," said Hoffman.

When the radio was demonstrated, it was a reminder to prospective buyers that an All Hazard Radio is a first step for personal safety in the mitigation process.

"These radios should

be as common in households as smoke detectors - they are BOTH an early warning device," said Mary Stikeleather, Director of Lapeer County Emergency Management."

The Team plans to continue this project at future Skywarn classes, as well as at this September's Family Preparedness Day.



CERT Team members David Hoffman (left) and Kevin Boxy (right) demonstrated the programming and use of the radio.

St. Joseph Teen CERT

Sgt. Rick Smiedendorf, St. Joseph Police Department

The City of St. Joseph now has Teen CERT implemented at both high schools in the City. Lake Michigan Catholic High School has graduated a second class and now has 20 trained students in CERT who can assist school staff during a disaster. St. Joseph Senior High School held its first Teen CERT class in May.

Both of these Teen CERT programs were

conducted as an after school training and the St. Joseph Police Department received assistance in offering the class from the St. Joseph FD, the FBI, the American Red Cross, and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department.

The Dowagiac Teen CERT program provided assistance with the mock disaster portion of the training.

In a cooperative venture with the Berrien County

Sheriff's Department, the St. Joseph Police and Fire departments held their first adult CERT class in January.

The City CERT unit is comprised of both residents and some members of the police department's Retired Senior Volunteer program. A local factory, Vail Rubber, sent the plant emergency team through the CERT training as well.

Volunteer Training Conference

By: Sgt. Kevin Sweeney

Region 6 and the State of Michigan hosted the state's first Citizen Corps Volunteer Training Conference on May 2-4 in Grayling, MI. Over 100 front line volunteers attended the conference from around the state.

Participants were able to attend this two-and-a-half day conference through Citizen Corps grant dollars.

On the first day, attendees were given an overview of Citizen Corps in Michigan and had the opportunity to attend an update on the Michigan Volunteer Registry and National Incident Management

System/Incident Command System (NIMS/ICS) compliancy issues.

Attendees had the opportunity to sign-up on the Michigan Volunteer Registry or take a NIMS class if they so chose.

On Saturday, F/Lt. Harold Love gave a keynote address and attendees were able to attend breakout sessions on topics such as fundraising, evidence recognition, basic disaster life support, ground search and rescue, weather spotting, disaster planning, education methodology, special needs, volunteer

management, fire extinguisher and cribbing reviews, hazmat recognition, and drug identification.

After the breakout sessions, Mr. Jim Opoka from FEMA Region 5 and Ms. Rachel Jackey, National Director for CERT, gave outstanding presentations on the Citizen Corps and CERT programs. On Sunday, a state report was given followed by a table top exercise.

Overall, the conference appeared to be a big success and we hope to continue this conference for many years to come.

Status of Current Emergencies

For updated information on emergencies taking place in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/emhsd and click on "Status of Current Emergencies."

Information is currently posted regarding the severe weather events that occurred June 6-13, 2008.

Preparedness Workshop

The Lowrey School P.T.A. would like to thank Sgt. Kevin Sweeney of the State of Michigan Citizen Corps Council, the Arab-American Chaldean Disaster Preparedness Committee, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for taking the

time to educate our parents about disaster preparedness and Internet awareness.

Officer Ray Johnson and Mrs. Danielle Makki-Elzayat did an outstanding job and their presentation was very meaningful and

beneficial. We would also like to thank the Lowrey staff members who made this special event possible. A special thanks to Dr. Makki, Mrs. Faraj, Dr. Dakroub, Mrs. Mosallam, Mrs. Bazzi, and Mrs. Ajami.

MCCERCC Contact

Mrs. Bridget Long has been hired to help coordinate all Michigan Citizen Community-Emergency Response Coordinating Council

(MCCERCC) activities.

Her primary duties will be coordinating MCCERCC meetings, day-to-day activities, and answering any questions

related to the MCCERCC.

She can be contacted via e-mail at longb1@michigan.gov.

We want to hear from you!

Submit your articles and photos to
citizencorps@michigan.gov

The deadline for the next issue is **Sept. 15, 2008**.

Visit our Web site at
www.michigan.gov/emhsd



National Preparedness Month

As September quickly approaches, remember to register as a 2008 National Preparedness Month Coalition member at <http://ready.adcouncil.org>.

The focus this year is to encourage citizens to:

- Get a Kit
- Make a Plan
- Be Informed
- Get Involved

For additional information, visit www.ready.gov.

Upcoming Events & Themes

July 17	Citizen Corp Conference Call
July 21-22	CERT Train-the-Trainer, American Red Cross, Grand Rapids
August 5	25 th Annual National Night Out
September	National Preparedness Month
November 20-21	CERT Train-the-Trainer, Crest Center, Auburn Hills

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